Chief Scientist & Executive Director of Discovery Park

Purdue University invites applications and nominations for the position of Chief Scientist & Executive Director of Discovery Park, Purdue’s interdisciplinary research hub established to foster broad partnerships for research and education. Industry and public/private stakeholders from around the world collaborate here with teams of Purdue investigators in addressing grand challenge problems. Since its inception in 2001, Discovery Park (http://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/) has surpassed $1 billion in research investments, endowments, and world-class laboratories including two new facilities opened in 2014, the Hall for Drug Discovery and the Multidisciplinary Cancer Research Facility. This is an exciting time for Discovery Park at the start of a new initiative to grow as a global leader in innovation and public-private partnerships at a world-class university, within a long-sustained culture of interdisciplinary research for global impact.

The Chief Scientist & Executive Director of Discovery Park will report to the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships. Responsibilities include continuing to build upon the foundation of Discovery Park’s one-of-a-kind research and educational facilities and systems that catalyze and facilitate research across traditional academic boundaries. The Chief Scientist & Executive Director will foster an innovative interdisciplinary environment for learning, discovery and engagement that leads to institutional excellence, intellectual excitement, and innovative scientific achievements for societal impact.

The candidate must have the academic credentials for appointment to the rank of Full Professor. The candidate will be a pre-eminent scientist or engineer with a record of excellence and accomplishments in research that has effectively addressed complex global-scale challenges such as in health, food, water, environment or energy. Experience is desired that demonstrates: a successful record of scholarship in well-funded research programs; academic excellence; outstanding achievement in developing and leading large research programs; effective management of diverse staff; and experience in working with cross-disciplinary research groups and building effective teams. The successful candidate will effectively collaborate with academic units and provide strategic vision and energetic leadership for focusing the university’s many successful research capabilities and centers on addressing one or two very high-impact and cross-cutting theme. The goal is to further develop Discovery Park into a major force in innovation, and serve as a critical lever for institutional excellence central to the overarching theme of President Mitch Daniels’ administration. The candidate must possess interpersonal and public communication skills to serve as a champion for Discovery Park’s vision for excellence with internal and external audiences including major funding agencies, foundations, industry, and policy-makers.

To receive full consideration, forward a letter of interest that outlines qualifications for the position and includes curriculum vitae and the names and contact information for three references. Applications should be directed to Dr. Michael R. Ladisch, Visioning and Search Committee Chair, Purdue University, and sent to c Kann@ purdue.edu. Review of applications will begin February 10, 2015 and will continue until filled. A background check is required for employment in this position.

Purdue University is an EEO/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.

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